in each Gram Panchayats by the end of Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the number of Gram Panchayats in Marathwada District of Maharashtra which have been provided with telephone facility during the Seventh Plan period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) 600.

[*Translation*]

Issue of Prospecting Licences

1216. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether for the issue of prospecting licences, prospecting is conducted only in a limited area instead of the areas applied for and the report is also prepared on that basis;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the approval of the landlord of the area other than the area required for the prospecting is essential;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Union Government propose to make provisions that approval of only that landlord is essential whose land is required for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) For grant of prospecting licence, no prior prospecting is required.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As per the existing provision of Mineral Concession Rules, 1960, the applicant has to furnish the written consent of the owner of only the private land covered by the prospecting licence.

[*English*]

Water Resources Projects of Orissa

1217. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Water Resources Projects of Orissa pending with the Union Government;

(b) the reasons for delay in according clearance to them; and

(c) the time by which those are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) A statement is attached.

(c) The time for clearance of these schemes depends mainly on the prompt submission of satisfactory replies to the observations of the Central Water Commission, resolution of inter-State issues and obtaining clearance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests, wherever necessary.

STATEMENT As on 24-7-1991

Sl. No.	*Name of the Project*	*District benefitted*	*Latest Estimated Cost (Rs. Lakhs)*	*Benefits (Thousand Hectares)*	*Present Status*
I.	*Techno Economic appraisal completed and found acceptable by the advisory Committee subject to compliance of observations by the State.*				
(A)	*Major Schemes*				
1.	Subarnarekha Irrigation Project	Baleshwar Mayurbhanj	71460.00	155.07	The State is to obtain forest clearance and comply with observations on updated estimate received in 9/90 regarding irrigation, project planning and financial aspects.
2.	Kanupur Irrigation Project	Keonjhan	26802.00	47.71	Updated estimate after compliance has been received recently in July, 1990.
(B)	*Medium Projects*				
1.	Baghalati	Ganjam	1852.16	5.68	The State Government is required to finalise updated cost estimate and cost-benefit ratio.
2.	Deo	Keonjhar Mayurbhanj	5222.73	15.64	The State Government is required to obtain clearance from Department of Social Welfare on Rehabilitation Aspects.
II.	*Projects on which State Government is required to comply with the observations of Central Appraising Agencies.*				
(A)	*Major Project*				
1.	Ong Dam Project	Bolangir	8033.56	34.50	State Government is required to finalised cropping pattern, crop water requirement, Ground water and water management aspects. Clearance from Environment and forest angle is also to be obtained by the State.

Sl. No.	*Name of the Project*	*District Benefitted*	*Latest Estimated Cost (Rs. lakhs)*	*Benefits (Thousand Hectares)*	*Present Status*
2.	Naraj Barrage	Cuttack Puri	9030.00	Replacement of old structures	Hydrological, Irrigation, flood control plants planning, cost estimates and design aspects are to be finalised by the State in consultation with Central Water Commission.
3.	Lower Suktel Irrigation Project	Bolangir	10248.64	33.65	The State Government is required to settle hydrological and other aspects.
(B)	*Medium Schemes*				
1.	Upper Lanth	Bolangir	1949.69	6.11	In addition to compliance to observations of Central Water Commission, State is also to obtain forest clearance.
2.	Telengir	Koraput	3625.47	23.83	—do—
3.	Katra	Mayurbhanj	2922.95	11.44	—do—
4.	Kutulisingha	Dhankanal	953.74	3.81	—do—
5.	Dhauragoth	Dhankanal	938.43	3.61	—do—
6.	Bagh Barrage Project	Phulbani	2877.08	12.42	The project has been received recently in 3/91.

Public Call Offices in Alapuzha District in Kerala

1218. SHRI T. J. ANJALOSE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more public call offices in Alapuzha District in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the facility is likely to be provided?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c) 14 STD Public Telephones and 6 local Public telephones have already been provided uptil now during the current year.

20 Public telephones with STD and 10 local public telephones are proposed to be provided during the remaining part of the current financial year.